

GENERAL CONFERENCE

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

David O. McKay, General Superintendent
 Stephen L. Richards, 1st Asst. Superintendent
 George D. Pyper, 2nd Asst. Superintendent
 with all the members of the Board as at present constituted.

YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

George Albert Smith, General Superintendent
 Richard R. Lyman, 1st Asst. Superintendent
 Melvin J. Ballard, 2nd Asst. Superintendent
 with all the members of the Board as at present constituted.

YOUNG LADIES' MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Ruth May Fox, President
 Lucy Grant Cannon, First Counselor
 Clarissa A. Beesley, Second Counselor
 with all the members of the Board as at present constituted.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

May Anderson, Superintendent
 Isabelle S. Ross, 1st Asst. Superintendent
 Edith Hunter Lambert, 2nd Asst. Superintendent
 with all the members of the Board as at present constituted.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

At the request of President Heber J. Grant, Elder David O. McKay read the financial and statistical report of the Church as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1933:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and wards for the construction of ward and stake meeting houses	\$ 123,458.48
For ward maintenance expenses	646,408.44
For stake maintenance expenses	189,296.04
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	\$ 959,162.96

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system..\$ 530,243.19

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples..\$ 136,457.70

Charities:

For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment.....\$ 157,208.88

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions.....\$ 597,577.42

Total\$2,380,650.15

which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and mission activities.

Other Charities:

In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, there has also been disbursed the fast offerings, other charities, and assistance rendered by the Relief Society, in the sum of \$355,566.71, which amount, added to the \$157,208.88 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church..\$ 512,775.59

Expended for the maintenance of missionaries:

There has been collected by the various wards of the Church and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance..\$ 43,799.02

Average cost per missionary in the missions during the year 1933, \$29.77 per month, or a total of \$357.24 per year per missionary. There was an average of 1,016 missionaries in the various missions during 1933, making a total average expense for the year, (\$357.24 x 1,016)\$ 362,955.84

Estimated average earnings per missionary \$900.00 per year x 1,016, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of\$ 914,400.00
making a total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families to the Church for the preaching of the Gospel\$1,321,154.86

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR
THE YEAR 1933

There are at the present time: 105 stakes of Zion; 935 wards; 79 independent branches; 36 dependent branches, or a total of 1,050 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion. There are 31 missions (including the European Mission), 875 mission branches, and 206 districts.

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the
stakes and missions 19,528
Children baptized in the stakes and missions 15,480

Converts baptized in the stakes and missions	7,889
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, Dec. 31, 1933....	971
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, Dec. 31, 1933..	31
Number of local missionaries	61
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Total number of missionaries on foreign missions	1,063
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes	1,585
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Total Missionaries	2,648
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	409
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes.....	74,357

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 27.3 per thousand
 Marriage rate, 15.5 per thousand
 Death rate, 6.7 per thousand
 Families owning their own homes, 62 per cent.

CHANGES IN STAKE AND MISSION OFFICERS SINCE LAST OCTOBER
CONFERENCE*Mission Presidents Appointed:*

Joseph J. Daynes appointed President of the Western States Mission to succeed Elias S. Woodruff.

LeGrand Richards appointed President of the Southern States Mission to succeed Charles A. Callis.

Reuben M. Wiberg appointed President of the Tongan Mission to succeed Verl L. Stubbs (who was acting-president).

Harold W. Pratt appointed President of the Mexican Mission to succeed Antoine R. Ivins

William G. Sears appointed President of the Samoan Mission to succeed Willard L. Smith.

Temple President Appointed:

Robert D. Young appointed President of the Manti Temple to succeed Lewis Anderson who passed away.

New Stake Organized:

Wells Stake organized, formerly part of Grant Stake.

Stake Presidents Appointed:

Thomas E. Towler appointed President of Wells Stake.

Charles W. Fagg appointed President of the Grant Stake to succeed Joseph J. Daynes.

Claudius Bowman appointed President of the Juarez Stake to succeed Ralph B. Keeler.

David H. Cannon appointed President of the Hollywood Stake to succeed LeGrand Richards.

Charles C. Heaton appointed President of the Kanab Stake to succeed Heber J. Meeks.

Wallace Eugene Poulson appointed President of the Sevier Stake to succeed Robert D. Young.

Stake President who has died:

Heber J. Meeks of the Kanab Stake.

New Wards Organized:

Fairfield Ward, Blaine Stake (formerly an independent branch).

Springfield Ward, Blackfoot Stake (formerly an independent branch).

New Branch Organized:

Morgan Independent Branch, San Luis Stake.

Wards and Branch Disorganized:

Manard Ward, Blaine Stake.

Cedarview Ward, Roosevelt Stake.

Hollister Branch, Twin Falls Stake.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

It is a source of great pleasure to me to meet this vast audience. I think that this is the largest audience that I recall having seen in this house at a Friday conference meeting. It is very gratifying to me to see the interest that the people have in our conferences.

I appreciate the remarkable and wonderful growth of the Church. When I look back fifty-one years ago this coming October conference, to the time when I became one of the General Authorities of the Church—at which time as I recall it we had less than thirty stakes, and now we have one hundred and five—I am grateful for the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

RECALLS EARLY TRIP

I recall my first trip fifty years ago this coming May up into the Rexburg country. Rexburg at that time was a branch of one of the wards in Cache Valley, and there were fewer than 1300 people belonging to the Church residing north of the Oneida Stake of Zion. Today we have more than 100,000 I am sure, if we go north and west, and up into Canada.

I also recall that just before I was made a member of the Council of the Twelve, I visited Oakley and other towns in the vicinity of Oakley. One year previous to that time I visited Oakley when it was a branch of the Grantsville Ward of the Tooele Stake of Zion. I had to travel to Salt Lake City, through the Salt Lake, the Davis, the Weber and the Box Elder stakes to Brigham City, and then two days and a fraction westward to get to a branch of the Grantsville Ward of the Tooele Stake of Zion. We now have about half a dozen stakes between Brigham City and that section.

DIVINE AUTHORITY RESTORED

Each and every year the Church is stronger than it was the year before. The Church is progressing, it is not going backward. Men may make mistakes, but the Church stands firm.